

## "THE AVERAGE MAN"—DID YOU EVER SIZE HIM UP?—THE HUMAN MELTING POT



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No phrase is more abused and over-worked than the expression, "the average man."

Whenever a person uses it, he refers to a being in which he personifies all the rest of the world. Generally he looks down on this fellow, "the average man," as not quite so important a person as himself. Jones may be more intellectual than I, Smith may be better looking, Brown more athletic, Robinson healthier, and Vanastorfeller richer, but I have to say this for myself, I stand higher than "the average man."

Well, let's look into the matter. If all the people were averaged in mental, moral and physical qualities, what sort of person would "the average man" be?

The "averaged" man would be an octoroon. One-eighth of the blood in him would be negro. But he would be darker than the octoroon of the Uni-

ted States, for he would be more than one-third of the blood of the Hindus, and Chinese, Japanese and other yellow races, and of the white blood in him there would be only a dash of the blonde races of the northern lands. The Spanish, Portuguese, Greek, and other races which, while Caucasian, are dark, would mingle with the Hindu, and other Asiatics, and the blue-eyed, blonde-haired characteristics would be stamped out.

The "averaged" man would be as dark as a Jap. He would have eyes not quite as almond-shaped as the Jap's, but distinctly of that type, on account of the admixture of Mongolian blood. He would probably have hair inclined to curl, because in Caucasian, Semitic and negro strains this sort of hair is common.

His eyes would be black or dark brown. His lips would be thicker than those of the white man, and, in spite of the hooked beaks of the Europeans, Arabs, Hindus and Jews,